

Air Force Prime Time, a weekly news magazine for and about airmen stationed overseas, airs Thursday evenings at 8:25 p.m. Central European Time on AFN television. In this week's edition, Spangdahlem security forces learn about riot control, advice on excelling from a 52nd Fighter Wing 'Outstanding Airman' and more.



News briefs

Offices closed

Military and civilian personnel flights, the education and family support centers, and the 52nd Mission Support Squadron orderly room close at noon today for an official function. Call 452-6148 for details.

Munitions inventory

The munitions storage area suspends routine munitions transactions Sept. 11-22 to conduct inventories. Munitions must be scheduled for pick-up and all returns delivered by today. Only emergency requests submitted in accordance with applicable directives will be honored. Call Tech. Sgt. Robert Keyser at 452-6743 for details.

Assumption of command

Lt. Col. Kelly Wing assumes command of the 52nd Medical Support Squadron during a 3 p.m. ceremony Monday in the Bitburg fitness center. Call Senior Master Sgt. Marie Carter-Cherry at 453-3131 for details.

Banking hours limited

Community Bank limits its operating hours to 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Spangdahlem and 9 a.m. to noon on Bitburg Thursday because of staff training.

Hospital closure

The 52nd Medical Group clinics and ancillary services (lab, pharmacy and radiology) close at 9 a.m. Aug. 25 for an official function.

Emergency services will be available at the Bitburg hospital and ambulance services will be offered on Spangdahlem. Call the clinics directly for more information.

Honor guard exhibition

The U.S. Air Force Honor Guard performs a 16-person rifle and drill exhibition 3 p.m. Aug. 30 in the base gym. Call Tech. Sgt. Malik Sultan at 452-6108 for details.

Bitburg repaving project

Bitburg housing area buildings 23 and 24, 26 and 27, 29 and 30, and 32 and 33 parking lots will be painted and numbered around Aug. 30, weather permitting. Vehicles should be removed from the parking area that morning. Residents planning to be away from home Aug. 28-30 should park their vehicles outside of these parking areas before leaving. Until the Aug. 28 painting project, Brischetto Loop is again redesignated a two-way street.

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Airman 1st Class Kimberlie Drews

Airman First Class Tonya Wood (left) and 1st Lt. Sean Gustafson (far right) of the 23rd Fighter Squadron greet co-worker Capt. Robert Petty to Nellis Air Force Base, Nev. for the Air Force's last Green Flag exercise.

Hawks fly in Green Flag exercises

U.S., allied fighter pilots gain air-strike training by focusing on combat readiness, survivability

By 1st Lt. Angela Johnson
52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs

NELLIS AIR FORCE BASE, Nev. — A dozen F-16s and about 170 Spangdahlem airmen arrived in Las Vegas Aug. 5 to test combat readiness in the last Green Flag exercise.

Green Flag combines with the Red Flag exercises starting in October, allowing aircrews the opportunity to have the benefits of electronic warfare training.

"These exercises are designed to simulate actual combat as much as possible," said Lt. Col. Richard Reynolds, 23rd Fighter Squadron commander.

Green Flag uses realistic training to prepare U.S. forces to fight in a high-tech combat environment. It's one of the Air Force's premier combat training exercises.

During Green Flag, U.S. and allied aircraft work together in large-scale air strike training missions. The exercise focuses on combat readiness and involves capabilities, tactics and survivability.

All total, 119 aircraft and 2,245 people participate in the six-week exercise, including fighter squadrons from the U.S. Air Force, Navy and Marines, United Kingdom, Singapore, Germany, Italy and Canada.

The electronic warfare exercise started

July 30 and runs through Sept. 9. The 23rd Fighter Squadron Hawks take part in Green Flag Period II.

"This is our Air Expeditionary Force-2 spin-up, and I want to use the two weeks of Green Flag to prepare my pilots, especially my young pilots, for our upcoming contingency operations," Reynolds said.

The 23rd FS takes part in AEF-2 Dec. 1 through March 31. Many of the units participating in Green Flag also take part in the AEF deployment.

"This is a great opportunity to train with the same units that will deploy with us during AEF-2," said Reynolds.

The scenario for Green Flag this year simulates desert warfare and is tailored to

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Maintenance unit eases CLEP wait

By Senior Airman Jennifer Lindsey
52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs

"CLEPPing" an algebra class just got easier with the help of the base equipment repair and acquisition shop, better known as Gold Flag.

The unit donated 99 College Level Examination Program books and 30 self-paced study videos to the base library Monday, said Master Sgt. Kevin McHugh, Gold Flag program manager.

"We constantly have reservations on the CLEP books we currently maintain; especially the videos," said Butch Satsky, library director. "Our community will definitely benefit (from the donation)."

Money used to make the \$6,300 donation came from Gold Flag savings resulting from contracting out repair jobs or repairing equipment and aircraft parts themselves, McHugh said. It also saved money by researching the internet for equipment or parts available through DRMO and other salvage

organizations.

When Gold Flag repairs a part, the unit is "paid" the cost of that part as if it were bought new. The difference in the cost of repairing parts to the cost of buying new parts is figured at the end of the fiscal year. Subtracting unit costs, the money saved is used for quality-of-life improvements by wing organizations.

This year, it's estimated the shop saved the base \$42,500.

The shop also usually gets a piece of the pot to make a base quality-of-life donation of their choice. This year, the unit discovered the need for more CLEP materials when one of its members was working toward a bachelor's degree and eventual Officer Training School selection.

"We believe this is the best use of the money because this is a quality-of-life item that helps those working odd or long hours who want to earn a college degree but can't attend classes," said Tech. Sgt. James Austin, Gold Flag assistant program manager

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the units deploying to Southwest Asia.

"I want to give my inexperienced pilots more exposure to the types of missions executed during actual combat — the integration of numerous other support assets and uniting large numbers of aircraft into a strike package," Reynolds said.

The 23rd FS pilots fly suppression of enemy air defense and interdiction missions during the deployment, helping to prepare them for future conflicts.

"The missions we fly are very demanding, and we take every opportunity to train in both our primary and secondary mission of SEAD and Interdiction," Reynolds said.

Green Flag provides realistic aircrew training with special emphasis on electronic warfare.

"Our focus on the flag exercises is to learn how to effectively fight our way in and out of the combat zone, and to survive to



Airman 1st Class Kimberlie Drews

The 23rd Fighter Squadron Fighter Hawks arrive at Nellis Air Force Base, Nev., for Green Flag.

fight another day," Reynolds said. "We proved during Operation Allied Force we can accomplish this. Training at Green Flag will better prepare us for any contingency the 23rd FS will face." The 23rd FS returns home in September after flying support for the F-15C weapons instructor course.

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and OTS selectee. "By providing these books, people can study at home as they have time."

Check out CLEP

The new books and videos are available for check-out in late September; however, reservations are being accepted. Call the base library at 452-6203 for details.

CLEP consists of a series of examinations that test college level knowledge gained through military training and personal studies. More than 2,800 colleges and universities accept CLEP examinations for college credits. Call the base education office at 452-6063 for more information.

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Repair technicians wanted

The 52nd Fighter Wing Gold Flag Office needs repair technicians. Applicants must have a five-skill level or higher and at least 12 months on station. A maintenance background with some electronics experience is preferred, but not required. Call Master Sgt. Kevin McHugh at 452-7737 for details.

Instructors needed

The Wing Software Training Program needs instructors to teach Microsoft Office Applications, HTML and Web server administration. Call Martye Chavez-Hatton at 452-5384 for details.

Equipment management

Deployed equipment should be processed through the Equipment Management Element by deploying custodians before departure. Call 452-6870 for details.

Visa for Italy

Military and Department of Defense civilian family members moving to Italy need a visa before entering the country, according to Rita Merkes, personnel affairs assistant. Visas are available through the Italian consulate in Frankfurt. Visas can't be issued in Italy. Not acquiring a visa before reaching Italy may result in family members having to return to the losing installation to obtain one. Family members who are European Union citizens don't require a visa. Applications and information are available at the passport office on Spangdahlem in

building 131. Call 452-6813 for details.

Special duty nominations

Nominations are being accepted for chief master sergeant or chief master sergeant selectees to serve as subject matter experts for two U.S. Air Forces in Europe projects at the Air Force Occupational Measurement Squadron, Randolph Air Force Base, Texas, from Jan. 3 to Feb. 2 and Jan 23 to Feb. 1.

Qualifications include:

- Any Air Force Specialty Code; however, preference is given to technical or operational AFSCs.

- Senior NCO Academy graduate. College graduates also preferred.

- Nominee must not have a spouse or immediate family members in the Air Force below the grade of chief master sergeant. Immediate family members are defined as children, step-children and siblings.

Submit nominations by Sept. 1. Call promotions and testing at 452-6344 for applications and submission information.

GSU member priority

To best serve members of geographically separated units assigned to the 52nd Fighter Wing, the wing commander endorsed a policy allowing GSU members and their families to move to the front of all customer service lines when conducting official business at Spangdahlem Air Base. The policy takes effect Sept. 1.

The policy asks customer service people to add a column to their sign-in procedures so GSU customers can be

readily identified. The main areas impacted are finance, legal, the military personnel flight, pass and registration, supply customer service, immunizations, outpatient records, pharmacy and the TRICARE service center.

Wing GSU customers travel far and have a limited time on base. This policy allows them to complete their requirements without having to spend the night.

National Anthem video

ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE, Ga. — Base theaters on Air Force installations worldwide will soon show a new national anthem video, thanks to the Band of the U.S. Air Force Reserve.

As part of its civic outreach program, the band performed "The Star Spangled Banner" with members of the Christ Church choir from Nashville, Tenn. In addition to national historic sites, the video features Air Force aircraft flown by members of Air Force Reserve Command.

The Army and Air Force Exchange Service, which has its headquarters in Dallas, began distributing copies of the video in August to all its theaters on Air Force bases. (Courtesy of AFRC News Service)

Unit supplies

The Defense Reutilization and Marketing Office offers an alternative to purchasing through base supply. Items usually in stock include laptop computers, electrical items, sheet metal and more, according to DRMO officials. Call 453-7461 to find out if the DRMO warehouse has items in stock.

No school meal price hike

RAMSTEIN AIR BASE, Germany — The price of a meal at overseas Department of Defense Dependents Schools will not increase this upcoming school year.

The Army and Air Force Exchange Service, which runs the school meal program overseas, has been able to operate the program on a break-even basis since 1996.

Elementary school students pay \$1.95 for lunch. Lunch at DoDDS high schools costs students \$2.10 and non-students pay \$3.20. Free and reduced price meals, set at 40 cents, will remain available to students whose families meet the eligibility guidelines. (USAFE News Service)

Firestone tire recall

Bridgestone and Firestone will replace, free of charge, ATX, ATX II and Wilderness AT all-terrain tires purchased through AAFES.

The Exchange Service will accept tires purchased elsewhere that meet recall criteria, regardless of the original purchase location.

Military customers at any Autopride Car Care facility are authorized credit equal to the AAFES retail price of a recalled tire. This may be applied to a new Firestone tire or any other brand. AAFES will refund the difference to customers who select a tire with a sale price less than that of their recalled tire.

Customers not sure if their tires are subject to recall can visit any AAFES Autopride service facility for a free inspection. Call Firestone at (800) 465-1904 for recall details. (Air Force Print News Service)

Civil service hiring system changes its method

Applicants soon required to submit resume for desired civilian positions

No matter your career field, come summer 2001, applicants interested in Air Force civil service positions, including current Air Force employees interested in changing jobs, must submit a resume. The change is estimated to take place here in the fall, according to Ilse Campbell, 52nd Mission Support Squadron personnel staffing specialist.

The Air Force is deploying a new staffing system known as the Standard Automated Inventory Referral System, or STAIRS, said Thomas Carroll, STAIRS project officer, Palace Compass Program Management Office.

The system will require applicants, including current Air Force employees, to take three steps to be considered for the service's civil service positions. All civilian positions will be advertised and employees will have the opportunity to apply, or self-nominate, for jobs.

Currently, most career civilian jobs never get advertised. Career civilians are automatically considered for vacancies using geographic location codes previously submitted to their local civilian personnel office.

First, he said, people will submit a resume; second, they will review job listings to determine which positions interest them; and third, self-nominate to be considered.

Augmenting STAIRS is an e-mail subscriber service known as the Civilian Announcement Notification System, intended to help applicants with the second step, Carroll said.

CANS is currently online and provides job information to Air Force employees interested in positions at Charleston and McChord Air Force bases, in South Carolina and Washington, respectively.

It also provides job listings to applicants not currently employed by the Air Force who wish to be considered at 73 bases serviced by the PALACE Compass Regional



Airman 1st Class Michelle Roquid

Frank Misaegh, 52nd Fighter Wing plans implementation flight, shows Carmen Jutz one of his plans for managing next year's budget. By summer 2001 and earlier for some bases, prospective employees will be required to submit resumes to apply for civil service employment.

Center at Randolph AFB, Texas. Once STAIRS is fully deployed by next summer, the subscriber service will include all employee fills and Air Force positions at all locations, Carroll said.

Under CANS, subscribers are notified by e-mail when their registration criteria match a job announcement. They then have to go to the Air Force Personnel Center's civilian employment homepage to view the actual announcement and then nominate themselves for the job.

If career civilians are in the running for the job, they get a letter saying so. If they are considered and not selected, candidates get "non-selection" notices.

STAIRS will change all that. STAIRS provides candidates the opportunity to view the actual job listings. The job listings for all Air Force locations will be listed on the AFPC civilian employment homepage. Employees will be given the opportunity to apply for positions that interest

them.

All candidates that apply will be notified of the consideration they received. At the same time, managers will have access to the resumes of the best-qualified candidates who are referred for selection consideration, Carroll said.

CANS notifies applicants when job listings match their registered profiles. Once registered, CANS will automatically search for jobs based on an applicant's search criteria. When the system finds a match, the program sends an e-mail to the applicant listing the job announcement number, description, pay plan, occupational series, grade, job location, closing date and the announcement's web site. After reviewing the announcement the employee can then self-nominate.

According to Carroll, prospective candidates don't have to submit a resume to register in CANS; however, they do need to submit one before nominating themselves for a position. CANS performs a search for matches every Friday, eliminating the need for applicants to constantly check for new job announcements. Once enrolled, applicants remain in the system for 180 days.

Applicants can list up to 20 different criteria combinations. The information can be changed at any time, initiating another 180-day cycle.

If changes aren't made, applicants will be notified via e-mail 10 days before the 180-day cycle expires, reminding them to resubmit their criteria before they are dropped from the system.

The Spangdahlem and Bitburg Family Support Centers offers resume classes and civil service application assistance. Call the Spangdahlem center at 452-6422 or 06565-6422, or the Bitburg center at 453-7491 or 06561-7491. The 52nd MSS Civilian Personnel office can answer questions concerning civilian personnel employment, call 452-6884 or 06565-6884. (Information contributed by Air Force ONLINE News)

DoD plans to replace food stamps with debit cards

Defense officials consider ways of revamping military qualifications for assistance program making system fair for those living on, off base

By Army Staff Sgt. Kathleen T. Rhem
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — Service members who qualify for food stamps — and some who don't — may soon get debit cards to use in commissaries, DOD officials announced July 28.

Defense Secretary William S. Cohen told reporters at the Pentagon the DOD-issued cards would be credited with a fixed monthly value based on the user's rank and family size. The new plan would be optional for members and cost the department \$31.5 million per year. Members can't participate in both programs.

The military doesn't keep statistics on

members receiving food stamps, but DOD officials have estimated about 6,300 households participate. That's less than 1/2 percent of the force, they said, and the members in question generally have larger-than-average families.

Air Force officials estimate about 520 members currently receiving food stamps would be eligible for this new benefit. By expanding this program to include members who reside off base, the number who could receive this benefit could increase by about 830 members. These estimates assume members have no spousal or part-time income, no savings or other assets.

Cohen called the cards necessary because Agriculture Department food

stamp rules create an inequity between service members who live on base and those who live off. Under current food stamp eligibility guidelines, the value of base family housing isn't counted as income, but housing allowances for those who live off base are. All other things being equal, families living on base appear to be needier than those living off base.

The debit cards would end the inequity by not counting housing allowances as income, DOD officials said. This probably means more service members would receive cards than currently receive food stamps — but it's fair, they said.

The defense secretary also said the proposed debit card program would be more convenient because it would be administered by installations and members wouldn't have to travel to state food stamp offices. The cards would give members up to 30 percent more buying power because of commissaries' lower prices, he suggested.

Officials are adding provisions for cash allowances for remotely located service members who do not have ready access to a commissary.

Defense officials have said a cash allowance to members who qualify for food stamps wouldn't work because that could create situations where lower-ranking individuals are paid more than their superiors.

"We tried also to take into account that our pay scales depend upon rank, responsibility (and) years of service," Cohen said of the card proposal.

The plan needs congressional approval. The secretary said the idea already has support from members of the House and Senate armed services committees.

Navy Capt. Elliott Bloxom, DOD's director of compensation, said the plan will likely be covered in the fiscal 2002 budget request and take effect Oct. 1, 2001.



Senior Airman Esperanza Berrios

Building partnerships

Maj. Paul Lancaster, 52nd Fighter Wing safety office shows Polish safety team members the U.S. Air Force's A-10 gun system. Lt. Col. Pawel Kowalczyk, Air Defense Corps; Col. Adam Flieger, Polish Air Force Academy; and Col. Wladyslaw Wolkowski, Polish Air and Air Defense Force Command; toured Spangdahlem Air Base Aug. 10. Such tours help develop stronger partnerships between the U.S. and its NATO allies, Lancaster said.

'Home' offers lower rates to stay in Washington D.C.

WASHINGTON — Lodging rates in the nation's capital may be steep, but the U.S. Soldiers' and Airmen's Home may have a better deal for enlisted members and their families at \$20 per night for up to five nights. Visitors to the 320-acre "campus" will live in a historical dwelling — former convent.

Vacationers can purchase meal tickets to eat at the home's dining facilities — \$3 for breakfast and \$7 for lunch and dinner.

The home also has military exchange facilities, including a lounge and a small store.

The U.S. Soldiers' and Airmen's Home Guest House is available for use by enlisted vacationers of the armed services, including active-duty members, retirees and family members traveling with them, she said. Reservation line is (202) 730-3044.

The retirement home is in the heart of the District of Columbia at 3700 North Capitol St. NW, about 2.5 miles from the U.S. Capitol. Parking is free on the home's grounds and mass transit is available outside the gate. (American Forces Press Service)

Montgomery GI Bill goes unused by half who 'buy'

By Gerry J. Gilmore
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — Can you imagine turning down \$20,000 in education benefits—especially if you paid for it in advance with cold cash and sweat equity?

Half of all service members eligible for Montgomery GI Bill benefits regularly do just that, according to Department of Veterans Affairs officials. Service members qualify for the Montgomery GI Bill benefits by contributing a nonrefundable \$100 per month throughout their first year of active service and successfully completing an active-duty "hitch."

Walking away from the benefit is a waste of great

investment, VA officials said. At the current \$536 monthly benefit for 36 months of full-time schooling, the MGIB pays \$16 for every \$1 members must invest, Dennis Douglas, VA deputy director for education services told the American Forces Information Service.

He and other VA officials stressed MGIB benefits do not have to be paid back, unlike student loans.

Recent changes to the Montgomery GI Bill make it even better, said VA spokesman Terry Jemison. The program, he said, now pays the cost of some preparatory courses for college and graduate school entrance exams. Also, eligibility has been expanded to some officer training school graduates and surviving spouses.

Proposals now under consideration before Congress would increase monthly payments, he added.

The education benefit provides many military men and women with education opportunities that otherwise might not be available, according to Jemison.

"We owe them, I believe," Douglas said. "It really is an opportunity for us to honor them for what they did for this nation."

The VA maintains a Web site offering detailed information, application forms and FAQs covering the Montgomery GI Bill, earlier GI bills and other VA educational programs at www.gibill.va.gov.

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Eifel 105 FM Monday-Friday schedule

Adult rock, Midnight-5 a.m.
Adult contemporary, 5-6 a.m.
Local morning show, 6-9 a.m.
Country, 9-11 a.m.
Oldies, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Hot contemporary, 1-3 p.m.
Local afternoon show, 3-6 p.m.
Adult contemporary, 6-8 p.m.
Tom Joyner, 8-10 p.m.
Urban Jamz, 10 p.m. to midnight

Saturday schedule

Rock, Midnight-5 a.m.
Hot contemporary, 5-10 a.m.
Contemporary, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Rick Dees, 2-6 p.m.
Hot contemporary, 6-9 p.m.
Urban Jamz, 9-11 p.m.

Doug Banks, 11 p.m. to midnight

Sunday schedule

Doug Banks, Midnight-1 a.m.
Rock, 1-5 a.m.
Blues, 5-6 a.m.
Jazz, 6-7 a.m.
National Public Radio, 7-8 a.m.
Hot contemporary, 8-10 a.m.
Hispanic music, 10-11 a.m.
American Country Count-downs, 11 a.m. to

3 p.m.

Rick Dees, 3-7 p.m.
Blues, 7-9 p.m.
Contemporary, 9 p.m. to midnight

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Oldies, Midnight-3 a.m.
Country, 3-5 a.m.
Morning Edition, 5-9 a.m.
Power Talk, 9-10 a.m.
Sports Overnight, 10 a.m. to noon
NPR, Noon-3 p.m.
Power Talk, 3-4 p.m.
Afternoon Edition, 4-4:35 p.m.
Sports Byline, 4:35-5 p.m.
Afternoon Edition, 5-5:30 p.m.
Newswatch, 5:30-6 p.m.
Rush Limbaugh, 6-7 p.m.
Dr. Laura, 7-8 p.m.
Paul Harvey, 8-9 p.m.
NPR, 9 p.m. to midnight
Saturday schedule
Oldies, Midnight-5 a.m.
Travel Show, 5-6 a.m.
All Things Considered, 6-8 a.m.
Car Talk, 8-9 a.m.
Sports Overnight, 9-11 a.m.
Profile NPR, 11-11:30 a.m.
CNN Headline News, 11:30 a.m. to noon

On Computers, Noon-1 p.m.

American Country Countdown, 1-5 p.m.
Tech Nation, 5-6 p.m.
NPR Weekend, 6-8 p.m.
Paul Harvey, 8-8:30 p.m.
Rewind, 8:30-9 p.m.
Oldies or live sports, 9-11 p.m.
Country or live sports, 11 p.m. to midnight

Sunday schedule

Country or live sports, Midnight-3 a.m.
NPR, 3-4 a.m.
ABC World News, 4-4:30 a.m.
CBS Capitol Ideas, 4:30-5 a.m.
Parents Journal, 5-6 a.m.
All Things Considered, 6-7 a.m.
Religious, 7-8 a.m.
Rock of Ages, 8-10 a.m.
Sports Overnight, 10-11 a.m.
Car Talk, 11 a.m. to noon
Home Companion, Noon-2 p.m.
NPR, 2-4 p.m.
51 Percent, 4-4:30 p.m.
Field and Stream, 4:30-5 p.m.
Prime Time Radio, 5-6 p.m.
Focus on the Family, 6-6:30 p.m.
CNN News, 6:30-7 p.m.
Live sports or jazz, 7-10 p.m.
Country, 10 p.m. to midnight
To contact Air Force News radio, e-mail
afh.eifel@spangdahlem.af.mil.



Staff Sgt. Laura Sparks

Meeting the challenge

Valencia White, age 9, shows her stuff to Harlem Ambassador team members after being challenged to copy a set of basketball tricks in the Bitburg fitness center Tuesday. White proved herself and won the title, "Ball Girl," and was given the honor of sitting on the bench with the team at that night's game at Spangdahlem. The team's visit is part of the 52nd Services Extreme Summer program.

Web Site offers facts on military careers to youth influencers

By Jim Garamone
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — Todaysmilitary.com will become the latest arrow in the quiver aimed at getting recruits in the military. The Web site went live Monday.

The Web site is an outgrowth of the recently ended Yahoo! Fantasy Careers in Today's Military contest. The fantasy career Web site was "a success by any measure," said Cmdr. Yvette Brown-Wahler, DOD director for recruiting plans.

"More than 3,300 essays were submitted to the services through Yahoo! Careers," she said. "forty percent of the contestants requested additional information from the respective service regarding career opportunities."

The program showed that the Internet is the medium to reach people, she said.

Brown-Wahler said the todaysmilitary.com is an "adult influencer Web site"—meaning it is aimed at parents, teachers, veterans, coaches, scoutmasters, ministers or any adult young men and women go to for career advice. The site will give visitors information they may need about the military. Many parents, for instance, are not aware of the opportunities available in the military.

"We have eight ways to earn college degrees. We have more than 150 military occupations. But many parents and other adult influencers have no idea we offer so much," she said.

One reason they often have no idea is that fewer people have firsthand experience with the military since the draft ended in 1973, and the military has been shrinking in size for more than 10 years. Todaysmilitary.com will be a one-stop information source.

"There will be general overall discussion of the military and links to the services' home pages," she said. The services are working on their Web sites to make them easier to navigate, Brown-Wahler said.

Essay winner flies with 'Eagles'

Air Force selects Oregon student as top fantasy career contestant

By 1st Lt. Lars Anderson
Air Force Public Affairs Media Outreach Office

JUNCTION CITY, Ore. — It's almost like winning the lottery or being the top contestant on a high-stakes television quiz show. The difference is that even with those millions you still can't buy what Dale Zimmerman will do later this month when he gets his "dream come true" — a flight in an Air Force F-15D Eagle.

Zimmerman, of Junction City, is the Air Force winner of the Yahoo! Fantasy Careers in Today's Military contest. Each of the military services — Army, Navy, Marine, Air Force and Coast Guard — selected one winner to experience one of the challenging careers available in today's military.

The contest, which ran May 20 through July 4, invited eligible U.S. candidates to register on Yahoo!, submit a resume and write a short essay on one or all of the military fantasy careers through the Career Track Web site. Overall, more than 3,300 essays were submitted.

"This contest is about the public meeting military service members, getting to know who they are and experiencing firsthand their maturity, dedication and professionalism," said Navy Cmdr. Yvette Brown-Wahler, the Defense Department's assistant director for recruiting plans. "This is a way for ordinary people from 'Main Street USA' to connect with extraordinary people doing exciting, thrilling and challenging jobs while serving their country."

The 22-year-old winner will visit Tyndall Air Force Base, Fla., Wednesday through Aug. 25. In addition to the flight, he'll meet with aircraft mechanics and watch a military working dog demonstration as part of an Air Force orientation.

"I was about to pass out," Zimmerman said when he learned he had won the contest. "It is a dream come true."

He said he'd almost forgotten entering his essay after spotting the contest on the Air Force Recruiting Web site.

Lt. Col. Jerry Kerby, 325th Operations Support Squadron weapons and training flight commander at Tyndall AFB, will be the pilot for Zimmerman's orientation flight.

"I'm excited about doing this because I get to show others



Staff Sgt. Angela Stafford

Dale Zimmerman, Air Force winner of the Yahoo! Military Fantasy Careers contest, is one of five people selected to experience the military career of choice. More than 3,300 people submitted essays in hopes of winning the contest which took place this spring.

what a great life we have in the Air Force," Kerby said. "It's not just flying jets, it's working side-by-side with men and women who have dedicated their lives to serving our great nation. You just don't get this working a nine-to-five job."

"I'm totally excited about the flight," Zimmerman said. "My face will be plastered against the seat. Adrenaline will be pumping, and I just get more excited day by day."

Zimmerman, who works as a customer service representative for United Airlines, will receive a bachelor's degree from Embry-Riddle University early next year and hopes to go to Officer Training School. A private pilot for five years now, he said he hopes to someday become an Air Force pilot. He sees his time at Tyndall AFB as a great first step.

"I'm going to learn more about a fighter pilot's life," Zimmerman said. "This is going to show me what happens behind the scenes. It will keep inspiring me to pursue my dream of becoming an Air Force pilot."

"I am living the dream," Kerby said, "and I want Dale to experience some of that dream. He is going to get the ride of his life. I have the best job in the world, and now I get to prove it." (Air Force ONLINE News)



Community Mailbox

Software training

Windows 2000 Professional Installing, Configuring and Administering is offered to unit workgroup managers, equipment custodians and other users 8-10 a.m. Aug. 25 in the wing conference room, building 23. Call the 52nd Communications Squadron at 452-5384 for details or to register.

Schwenk sale

The 52nd Fighter Wing Chiefs Group schwenk sale takes place 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. today in the Spangdahlem Post Office parking lot. Cost is \$5 for a sandwich, chips and soda. Sandwich only is \$4. Call Chief Master Sgt. Lloydetta Joseph at 452-6414 for details.

Chapel event

Gospel service music ministry hosts the concert, "Gospel Extravaganza" at 1 p.m. Saturday in the base theater. Call Staff Sgt. Ricky Griswold at 452-6490 for details.

X2K Music Festival

X2K Music Festival program coordinators need set-up, activities and clean-up volunteers today through Monday. The event takes place 1-10:30 p.m. Saturday near the base softball fields. Call Tera Shultz at 452-7381 to volunteer or for details.

High school orientation

Bitburg High School orientation takes place 9 a.m. Thursday in the school cafeteria. The student-led session introduces teens new to the Eifel region school procedures, military guidelines and German customs. Parents are encouraged to attend. Call 453-7937 or 0656161-7937 for details.

Girl Scouts

Twilight Camp takes place 4:45-8 p.m. Thursday through Aug. 26 in the Girl Scout Hut in the Spangdahlem housing area. The event is open to girls ages 5-17. Cost is \$15 for members, \$22 for non-members. Volunteers are also needed. Register by Tuesday at the family support centers, libraries or base youth center. Call 452-5608 for details.

Swim team

The Eifel Sharks need competition swim team coaches for the upcoming swim season. Call 452-8299 or 06565-958299 for details.

German-American Club

The German-American Club meets 3



Airman 1st Class Michelle Roquid

Enjoying a Night Out

Marie Far, National Night Out volunteer, puts finishing touches on her son's face-paint design during the event held here Tuesday. National Night Out is designed to strengthen community and security forces partnerships in preventing base crime by offering information in a festive atmosphere, including games and security forces demonstrations.

p.m. Aug. 26 at the Speicher Grillhuette. Call Gisela Traut at 452-6802 or Tim Jachowski at 452-7415 for details on event or club membership.

Car wash

Air Force Sergeant's Association, Eifel Chapter 1681, holds a car wash 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Aug. 26 at building 103. Donations are accepted. Call Staff Sgt. Jody Yeager at 453-3106 to volunteer or for more information.

Elementary school registration

Bitburg Elementary School is currently open for registration 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. To register children, people need to bring orders, shot records, passports or birth certificates, social security numbers and ID cards. For more information, call Deana MacDonald at 453-7542 or 453-7215.

Registration for Spangdahlem Elementary School students, grades kindergarten through 4th grade, takes place 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Children turning age 5 by Oct. 31 are eligible for kindergarten. The school also accepts applications for substitute teachers. Call 452-6881 for more information.

School orientation

A 1st-2nd grade orientation takes place 1-2 p.m. Aug. 25 in the Spangdahlem elementary school cafeteria. The orientation for grades 3rd-4th is 2-3 p.m. in the same location. Call the school at 452-6881 for

more information.

Mothers of Preschoolers

MOPS needs volunteers to work in their children's rooms during the second and fourth Tuesday of each month. To volunteer, call Christina Gay at 06565-944453.

Veterans meeting

The WW II Society meets 11 a.m. Aug. 25 in the community activities center. Meeting topics include membership and upcoming events. Call Ed Lapotsky at 06507-8292 for more information.

Tuition assistance online

As of Aug. 3, the education center allows people to complete their tuition assistance forms for college courses online at [intranet/52SG/52mss/-\(no hyphen\)/dpe/dpe.htm](http://intranet/52SG/52mss/-(no%20hyphen)/dpe/dpe.htm).

Once completed, people need to print three copies and bring it to the education office for processing. Patricia Cerone, from the education center, said people shouldn't change the unit address or fund cite numbers at the bottom of the form. They also shouldn't save the form on the server once completed. People can save it to their computers. For details call 452-6063.

Coaches needed

The Eifel youth sports program needs 40 coaches for the soccer season for ages 5-15. Volunteers need to undergo a background check and certification, which is handled by youth sports staff. Call Alton Freeman,

youth programs director, at 452-7545 for details.

Nurses needed

Family Advocacy needs volunteer nurses to help with the New Parent Support Program. Call 452-8279 or 453-3129 for details.

Family support center news

All of the following classes and seminars take place in the family support center on Bitburg unless otherwise indicated. For more information or to register, call 453-7491.

■The seminar "On Becoming an Educated Person" takes place 1-3 p.m. Monday and 6-8 p.m. Thursday in building 2001. This class for high school or entry-level college students discusses study skills.

■A financial planning course takes place 6-8 p.m. Tuesday in building 2001.

■The class "English as a Second Language" is offered 1-3 p.m. Wednesday in building 2001.

■A basic investing seminar takes place 6-8 p.m. Aug. 29 in building 2001.

■A home-buying seminar takes place 6-8 p.m. Aug. 31 in building 2001.

Education center news

■Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University offers an aviation labor relations seminar starting Aug. 25. Call 452-7553 for more information.

■Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University offers powerplant theory and applications for people deploying to Southeast Asia. Classes start Sept. 9. Tuition is free for those deploying more than 30 days. Call 452-7553 for details.

■Nominations for Community College of the Air Force degree candidates must arrive at CCAF by Aug. 25.

■The Financial Aid Student Guide is available online. The free financial aid application is also available on the site. Visit www.ed.gov/finaid.html for more information.

■Walk-in education counseling services are available 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Friday in building 192. Call the center at 452-6063 for details.

School bus transportation

Students riding the bus must have a new pass for school year 2000-2001. Students who haven't received a pass in the mail by Tuesday should visit the school bus office to register. The office is located on base in building 459. Customer service hours are 8 a.m. to noon and 1-4 p.m. Monday through Friday. The office is open until 8 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday for evening registration. Students should bring a copy of DD Form 600, Student Registration. Call 452-5340 or 06565-615340 for more information.

Movies

All movies play at 7 p.m. unless otherwise indicated.

Bitburg Castle

Today

The Perfect Storm (PG-13)

Based on a true story, the film tells of the courageous men and women who risk their lives every working day, pitting their fishing boats and rescue vessels against the capricious forces of nature. Their worst fears are realized when they are confronted by the most destructive storm in modern history. Language.

Saturday

The Perfect Storm

Sunday

The Kid (PG)

If you had a chance to meet yourself as an 8-year-old child, would that kid be happy with who you turned out to be? Russ magically meets Rusty - himself as an 8-year-old child.

Closed Monday and Tuesday

Wednesday

The Kid

Thursday

Frequency (PG-13)

What if you had the chance to travel back in time and change just one event in your life? John Sullivan would undo the events when a fire took the life of his father. Now John may get exactly what he wished for and much more than he bargained for. Intense violence.

Spangdahlem Skyline

Today

X-Men (PG-13)

Outcasts since birth, the X-Men are the next step of human evolution, each born with a unique genetic mutation that give them extraordinary powers that they've learned to harness for the greater good. But mankind fears what it doesn't understand, and the X-Men soon realize that the race they fight to protect against incalculable evil rejects them. Action violence.

Saturday

X-Men

Sunday

X-Men

Monday

Small Time Crooks (PG)

Ray Winkler is a "small time crook" with big dreams. Wealth comes from an unexpected direction, helping fulfill his dreams. But there is an ancient curse about getting everything you wish for. Language.

Tuesday

Center Stage (PG-13)

A tight-knit group of young dance students try to make a name for themselves and become stars in the fiercely competitive world of professional dance. Language and sensuality.

Closed Wednesday and Thursday

Times and movies are subject to change.
For the most current information,
call 453-7541.

'Pig out' in Wittlich this weekend

By Iris Reiff
52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs

To commemorate its legendary past, Wittlich holds an annual "pig burners" festival Saturday through Monday.

Legend has it Wittlich was once a walled fortress constantly under attack by invaders. One evening a guard in charge of locking the gate to the besieged town couldn't find the peg to secure the fortified door. All he could find was a large carrot to wedge in the door. Later, a pig ate the carrot, the gate opened and the enemy entered.

After the enemy ransacked the town, the angry townspeople herded every pig into the town's market square and roasted them. Since then the town of Wittlich has been known as the town of the pig burners.

This year's activities start at 10 a.m. today with a craftsmen's market on the city's Lieserplatz, which remains open from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily throughout the festival. A concert by the Wittlich-Bombogen brass band takes place at 7 p.m. Saturday in the city's main market square.

Local residents put on a play at 9:15 p.m. Saturday in the Stadtpark, or city park, and have a torch-light procession through the village streets to reenact the legendary event. To watch the entire reenactment, start at the Tuermchen.

Wittlich's annual pig festival officially opens Saturday at 2:30 p.m. immediately after the first pigs arrive in the market place via a horse-drawn wagon. Wine stands open and musical entertainment by the Wittlich brass band and the Luexem Music Association take place 3-7 p.m. in the main market square. Then the first pigs are roasted on the spits and the Schweinebraten, or barbecued pork, is ready to eat starting at 3:30 p.m.

As is the case with many European festivals, visitors first buy tickets which are in turn exchanged for the eats. Tickets may be bought for 7 DM at the tourist



Courtesy photo

A pig roasts slowly on a spit at the Wittlich Pig Burners Festival. This year the event takes place Friday through Monday.

information office's window in the market square.

The Saar-Rock-Project Band entertains visitors starting at 9 p.m. in the main market square while the Dirty Sheeps take second stage, on Pariser Platz, starting at 9 p.m. also.

Activities continue Sunday with musical performances by various local bands, starting around 11 a.m. Concerts by several local music bands and music associations take place at noon to last throughout the afternoon.

The Varus band entertains visitors in the market square starting at 9 p.m. while the Chock-A-Block performs music at 9 p.m. on Pariser Platz.

Activities continue Monday with more concerts by local bands starting at 11 a.m. Schweinebraten is available at noon. The Flavius & Euro Sound Showband takes the stage 9 p.m. until 1 a.m. in the market square, while the Blue Birds band will perform on Pariser Platz at 9 p.m.

A huge amusement park offers more than 60 rides and game stands throughout the festival.

Although the pig burners festival

officially comes to an end late Monday night, the amusement park and food stands remain open 1-7 p.m. Tuesday when Wittlich offers a family day at reduced prices.

Visitors to the pig burners festival can also take in an art exhibition at the Rathaus, or city hall.

The Wittlich pig burners festival is one of the largest events in the area and festival organizers expect thousands of visitors. The center of the town is blocked off from traffic because all celebrations occur either in the market square or close to the center of town.

The Spangdahlem Community Activities Center offers a tour to the pig festival Saturday. A bus leaves at 2 p.m. in front of the Bitburg commissary and at 2:30 p.m. from the parking lot between the Spangdahlem community center and the base exchange. The bus returns at about midnight. Tour prices are \$15 for adults and \$10 for children, ages 3-12. Children age 3 and younger ride for free.

For people who plan to take children, be aware that the city gets very crowded and alcohol is consumed at this festival. It's not recommended to bring small children in strollers.



Out and about



■ Visit the Luxembourg City Schöbermesse Monday through Sept. 6. This event is known as the October festival for the Benelux. It consists of music, entertainment and an amusement park in the center of town.

■ Enjoy the annual Man-derscheid Castle festival Aug. 26-27 featuring knights, jousting competitions, a fireworks display, a handicraft market and more. Details will appear in a future issue of the Eifel Times.

■ Enjoy the Limes art prize competition 2000 featuring international art Aug. 26 through Sept. 17. The exhibition is open 2-5 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday.

■ Enjoy the Bitburg Summer

Mosaic, an event featuring music, entertainment, art and family fun through Aug. 30. The majority of events take place starting at 7 p.m. Saturday. Barbecues and music are part of the events.

■ The annual Bernkastel Middle-Mosel wine festival takes place Aug. 31 through Sept. 4. A fireworks display over the Burg Landschut takes place at 9 p.m. Sept. 2, along with a parade at 2 p.m. Sept. 3 through the streets of town. A festival schedule will be printed in a future issue of the Eifel Times.

■ Reserve your ticket now for the Rock am See open-air festival Sept. 1-2 in Losheim, located in the state of Saarland. The concert features numerous

popular bands on stage. Tickets can be obtained at the Popp Ticket Service at 0651-970550.

■ "Hard Pop Days 2000" features a concert by Die Aerzte, Die Fantastischen 4, Bloodhound Gang and Bad Religion. Special guests are Fuenf Sterne Deluxe, Pitchshifter, Alternative Allstars and a surprise act. The concert takes place Sept. 3 at the Koblenz Ehrenbreitstein castle. Tickets are 66 DM and are available the ticket hot line at 0180-5202205.

■ Plan to attend the Trier Moselland exhibition Sept. 30 through Oct. 8 at the Trier Messepark. For more information, call 0651-147230.

■ Make plans to attend the Magic of

the Dance show Oct. 14 in the Bitburg Edith Stein School. More information on this event will appear in a future issue of the Eifel Times. For tickets, call 06727-952333.

■ Trier sponsors weekly markets Tuesday, and Friday mornings on Viehmarkt Platz located in the pedestrian zone.

■ Dates for the Bad Duerkheim Sausage Festival and the Munich October festival will appear in next week's Eifel Times.

■ Travel by train with five people for one day throughout the entire state of Rheinland-Pfalz for 30 DM. Stop by a local train station for details.